



Weekly Report

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1 Baha'i Citizens

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- Eight Baha'i received sentences of imprisonment this week. Ardeshir Faniyan, Golrokh Firouzian and Shidrokh Firouzian, three Baha'i from Semnan, Semnan Province, were sentenced to one year and nine months of imprisonment on charges of propagating the Baha'i faith. Negar Malekzadeh, Houriyeh Mohseni, Negin Ahmadian, Behnaz Haddad and Arman Mokhtari, five Baha'i from Mashhad, Khorasan-e Razavi Province, were sentenced to six months of imprisonment by a provincial court of appeal. The charges held against them are currently unknown. Baha'i routinely face imprisonment and other forms of state-sponsored discrimination based on their religious beliefs. "HRANA: Three Baha'i citizens from Semnan Received Sentences of Imprisonment," *Human Rights Activists News Agency*, October 14, 2013, <https://www.hra-news.org/1389-01-27-05-24-07/16821-1392-07-22-16-10-36.html>; and "HRANA: Five Baha'i citizens Received a Confirmation of Their Sentences in Mashhad," *Human Rights Activists News Agency*, October 16, 2013, <https://www.hra-news.org/1389-01-27-05-24-07/16833-1.html>